Statement-II

Details of stations recording lowest temperatures during January & February

SI. No.	Station	2008 Observations		Previous Record	
		Minimum Temperature	Date/month	Previous record	Date of record
1.	Patiala	-0.9	24 January	0.0	17 Jan, 1962
2.	Ranchi	32	1 January	4.4	17 January 1974
3.	Jamshedpur	4.8	2 January	5.0	5 January 1963
4.	Kota	13	26 January	1.8	11 January 1967
5.	Naliya	0.4	7 February	2.5	7 February 1974
6.	Ranchi	3i	2 February	4.3	7 February 2008
7.	Kolhapur	8.8	9 February	93	13 February 1961
8.	Harnai	132	9 February	13.8	11 February 1950

Technology to forecast cloud-burst

3911. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

whether Government is aware that every year a huge loss to life and property is caused in Himachal Pradesh due to cloud-bursts which lead to flash floods in different parts of the State;

if so, whether Government is working on the lines of development of a technology to forecast a cloud burst;

if so, the details thereof; and

if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) India Meteorological Department, as a part of its modernization programme, is considering to install a Doppler Weather Radar at Shimla and a network of Automatic Weather Stations in the region for monitoring cloud burst. These along with appropriate numerical weather forecasting models will help in forecasting the cloud bursts.

Declaring Sammakka-Saralamma jatara a National Festival

3912. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sammakka-Saralamma Jatara is being held at Medaram, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh, annually and attracted 80 lakh devotees in the month of February, 2008 from all over the country;